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Majority prices for next week were mixed, but mostly trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was irregular, overall no better than steady. Retail and food service demand covered the full range with best movement for retail ads and restaurants. Supplies were balanced to limited for smaller sizes, but adequate to fully sufficient for heavier weights. In the parts structure, gizzards were moving seasonally well, and wings were readily available. Breast items were at least adequate with some discounting noted, and dark meat was easy to obtain. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/18/04-10/22/04 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	(Including branded product)	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Chicago		58.00-61.00	42.00-76.00	60.53	32
Los Angeles		82.00			
New York		61.00-64.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent					
Mississippi		73.00-75.00	52.00-76.50	74.37	90

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 76.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
972	71.50-78.00	75.77

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	193.00	1,366
BREASTS - B/S	163.00	5,690
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,400
THIGH MEAT - B/S	76.50	1,082
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,217
WINGS	107.00	3,055

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone mixed, steady to fully steady on lighter weights, cautiously steady on heavy birds. Offerings limited on small birds, fully available on heavy weights. Movement was in a full range into all channels, best demand into retail and restaurants for weekend activity. Floor stocks in close balance to fully adequate; weights desirable. Offerings of parts items were plentiful, especially tenderloins and wings. Trade activity was minimal as current inventories and regular commitments were more than sufficient for trade needs. The St. Louis market area noted fairly good movement of wings into businesses due to baseball playoffs. The market tone was barely steady to weak on tenders and steady with a cautious undertone on the balance of parts.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into all channels was light to fair, best where weekend needs increased and for features. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to readily available with tenders in the longest balance. Dark meat was sufficient, and wings were mixed but moving steadily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Limited trading reported for next weeks' deliveries and centered on regular commitments. Offerings in close balance

on sized product and ample on heavy and random weights, for current needs. Buying activity was only fair with interest in excess product slow to develop. Retailer demand was moderate, best where ads in progress. Dealers anticipated moderate to instances heavy weekend carryovers.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Arizona – whole body 99, whole cut-up 129, boneless breast 149-399, boneless breast tenders 399-429, boneless thigh meat 249, split breast 99, leg quarter 99, wingettes 199, thigh 99-159 and 4# bag IQF 400, drumstick 99;

Colorado – boneless breast 149-399, split breast 239, drumstick 99, thigh 99, grounded 299, (deli food service – fried tenders 449, barbequed wings 399, and rotisserie 499 each);

Northern California – whole body 99, whole cut-up 169, roaster 149-159, boneless breast 149-499, boneless breast tenders 499, boneless breast fillets 399;

Southern California – whole body 59-99, whole cut-up 129-169, roaster seasoned 99, boneless breast 177-399, boneless breast marinated 247, boneless thigh meat 118 and marinated 127, split breast 97-219, leg quarter 79-89 and seasoned 89, leg quarter 10# bagged 390, thigh 69-149, drumstick 69-149 and 5# bagged 240, grounded 129,

(deli food service – fried mixed 8 piece 398, 8 piece drumstick and thighs 398-399, breast strips 549, rotisserie 498-499 each).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as fair at best entering the week-end. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to available with scattered discounting noted. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were available. Tenderloins were ample. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were generally adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend, but remained only fair to moderate at best, and insufficient in clearing the bulk of seller offerings satisfactorily. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy and included some operations on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 63 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, gizzards cleared well as seasonal demand increased. Most other items were adequate to ample and often competitively priced to bring better balance to and keep inventories current.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	58-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	65.39
NO. OF BOXES	9,134
CUMULATIVE	10/11/04-10/15/04 65.46
	10/13/03-10/17/03 63.29
NO. OF BOXES	10/11/04-10/15/04 46,246
	10/13/03-10/17/03 44,638

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER INVENTORY PARTS					SOUTHERN STATES BROILER INVENTORY PARTS					
ITEM	POUNDS			WTD	ITEM	POUNDS			WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)
BREAST - B/S	730	108.00-185.00	115-120	120.44	690	115.00-185.00	118-120	123.18	2,795	122.65
TENDERLOINS	300	110.00-205.00	110-120	121.00	335	100.00-205.00	110-120	120.60	1,114	121.45
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	75.00-94.00	-	82.15	88	80.00-94.00	84-87	85.03	401	84.67
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				275	57.82
LEGS	83	27.00-50.00	29-30	31.27	63	28.00-50.00	28-30	32.06	309	31.92
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	549	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.50	509	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.54	1,896	25.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,098	25.00-32.00	26-28	27.44	1,098	24.00-32.00	26-28	27.45	3,967	27.45
WINGS (WHOLE)	1,202	90.00-106.00	93-96	93.90	327	90.00-110.00	92-96	96.67	2,049	94.78
WINGS (CUT)	468	113.00-119.00	114-119	116.60	443	113.00-119.00	115-119	116.69	1,661	116.83
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				116	44.34
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				T	FEWR
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				309	71.89
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR OCT 14, 2004 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR OCT 15, 2004 F.O.B. DOCK.					

RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE**

40.50 - 45.50

42.61

RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE****5-DAY AVERAGE**

39.00 - 45.50

41.77

41.90

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity was generally fair at best with nothing above normal weekend interest noted. Breast items were available and offered below market to entice serious interest. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were at least adequate. Tenderloins were ample and trading at discounted levels. Movement through retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone remained barely steady to weak on tenderloins and cautious on the balance of items.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

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CURRENT NEG**WTD****CURRENT NEG****WTD****WEEKLY**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	134.77	689,829	130-135	132.71	790,196	132.17	3,556,494
TENDERLOINS	125	118.56	211,400	120	123.87	118,940	124.07	734,790
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	82.74	127,760	77-78	83.46	156,680	82.77	632,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	78.61	131,120	77	78.96	192,840	78.78	604,840
LEGS	42-43	39.44	147,118	42-43	35.72	350,041	36.64	1,217,199
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	30.22	303,405	30-31	31.22	286,703	30.40	1,786,661
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	32.51	143,200	29-30	32.41	166,970	32.50	781,940
THIGHS	24-25	34.35	84,320	24-25	37.55	65,930	35.15	398,650
B/S THIGHS	75-76	68.50	91,880	75-76	67.71	135,320	68.98	465,940
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	112.37	122,320	100-101	109.37	107,880	112.38	675,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.96	32,800	10-12	11.51	31,440	11.79	160,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.59	20,560	30-35	29.10	14,600	28.50	96,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.29	21,200	60-65	64.41	22,360	64.14	115,160

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	
	10/15	10/14	10/13	10/12	10/13	10/12	10/08	10/06	
Alabama	4,596	4,147	4,110	4,058	5.35	5.38	4,621	5.36	
Arkansas	5,649	5,349	5,488	5,448	5.19	5.30	5,432	5.19	
Delmarva	2,363	2,246	2,324	2,308	5.69	5.64	2,691	5.56	
KY-LA-TN	2,445	2,080	2,031	1,997	5.13	5.09	2,056	4.95	
Mississippi	3,050	3,124	2,753	3,040	5.59	5.60	3,517	5.50	
North Carolin	2,601	2,520	2,443	2,400	6.43	6.58	3,458	6.48	
Texas	2,399	2,449	2,519	2,568	5.12	5.19	2,694	5.17	
Total	23,103	21,915	21,668	21,819	5.45	5.50	24,469	5.43	
Mon-Fri	109,921(A)						111,112 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Oct-04 and 16-Oct-04 is estimated to be 34,565,000 head down 5.86 percent from a week ago and up 8.66 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 36,718,000, last year 31,810,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 16-Oct-04 is estimated to be 160,527,000 head down 0.71 percent from a week ago, and up 2.17 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 161,676,000, last year 157,115,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	69-71
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	110
ICE PACK	105-106
ROASTERS 4# & UP	108-111
ICE PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	91-93
ICE PACK	93-95
DRY PACK	175-188
DUCKS	

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 02-Oct-04 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	21,323	20,623	51,158
Avg Weight	3.69	4.67	6.60
% of total /1	23%	22%	55%

Comparisons

Last week	23,198	20,845	50,155
Avg Weight	3.75	4.74	6.42
% of total /1	25%	22%	53%

Same week, yr ago /2	17,670	18,235	35,284
Avg Weight	3.81	4.73	6.50
% of total /1	25%	26%	50%

To date/2004	1,021,132	836,134	1,786,834
To date/2003	908,097	927,603	1,743,630

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 09-Oct-04 YOUNG CHICKENS LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	161,676	1,270	1,512	2,782	492
Avg Wt	5.40	3.37	8.07	5.92	6.65
Last week	162,066	1,416	1,573	2,989	487
Same wk yr ago	156,092	1,263	1,443	2,706	406
Avg Wt	5.14	3.40	8.06	5.88	6.80
To-date/2004	6,268,698	54,574	54,002	108,576	18,685
To-date/2003	6,170,823	59,137	56,418	115,555	16,541

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.6 million head, or 1.5 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - OCTOBER 12, 2004

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Pekin Ducks	3.00 - 3.25 ea.	Silkie	2.50 - 3.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20 - .30	Pigeons	1.00 - 1.10 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.40 - .60	White Pigeons	3.50 - 3.75 ea.
Crossbred Fowl		Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.95 - 1.02
5-9 LBS	.90 - 1.00	Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.90 - .95
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	1.00 - 2.00 ea.
4-6 LBS	.70 - .80	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 1.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Kid Goats	20.00 - 21.00 ea.
7-11 LBS	.40 - .50	Doves	3.50 - 4.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	2.75 - 3.00 ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Banty Hens	1.50 - 1.75 ea.		
Leghorn Hens	.14 - .16		
Leghorn Roosters	.25 - .28 ea.	Total Coops Sold	304

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 11-OCTOBER-2004

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	143-145	149-151
MIDWEST MOSTLY	127-131	128-133

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	70.00-72.50	70.00-72.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.50	68.00-71.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-71.28
14 OZ.	66.96-77.92
16 OZ.	73.44-86.67

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Schedules full-time. Weights were desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 11-OCTOBER -2004

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	116-134	118-139

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
September 4	169.8	163.9	104%	5.16
11	151.4	163.0	93%	5.31
18	156.3	163.4	96%	5.33
25	163.7	164.3	100%	5.39
October 2	164.0	164.9	99%	5.35
9	163.6	165.1	99%	5.40
Year to date	6344.9	6456.5	98%	
October 16		164.4		
23		163.9		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	Under Federal Inspection -----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	10/16/04	10/09/04	% CHG	10/18/03	% CHG
Broilers	160,527	161,676*	-0.71	157,115*	+2.17
Cattle	631	628	+01	629*	0
Hogs	2,150	2,005	+07	2,121*	+01

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for light canners; fair to fairly good for heavies with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were well cleared and were generally adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
28-33 MAJORITY 28-29	TOO FEW TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
29-34 MAJORITY 30-32	TOO FEW TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was moderate to at least moderate with offerings of spent hens about adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal costs were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-10	8 -10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Salvage costs were too few to report. Demand was moderate. Offerings were at least adequate. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs ranged unchanged to higher. Offerings were adequate for the mostly good demand. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-8	

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-OCT-04

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to less than normal. Sales of finished product were clearing. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading was too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate and interest was increasing. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings adequate.